OLD ENGLAND.

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THE Perverſity of the preſent Times is ſo great, that I muſt confeſs my *Hundred Eyes* are often inſufficient to deteſt all the Aberrations of my Countrymen from the plain Paths of Truth and Simplicity. It gives me ſenſible Pain to obſerve, that my Vigilance is often eluded, and that the Men of whom I had the greateſt Hopes ſuddenly give me the Slip one after another, and are not diſcovered again 'till they emerge on the oppoſite Side of the Lake of *Corruption*, where they ſhake themſelves in the beſt Manner they can, and take their Stand among thoſe who had paſſed before them thro' the ſame filthy Pool. Here indeed they are dreſſed out in the ſtudy Trappings which were held up to tempt them while they were on the Side of Virtue, and ſeem *to fare ſumptuouſly every Day*: But Fate hath ſo ordered it, that the dirty Spots on neither be entirely bruſhed off or concealed; and whoever looks ſtedfaſtly in their Faces, through proper optical Tubes, will perceive, as well as I, that the chearful Countenances they aſſume do not ſpring from the Heart, the only Source of true Delight.

But tho' I cannot do all the Service I could wiſh, I flatter myſelf that my Labours have not been altogether ineffectual. I profeſs to ſee at as great a Diſtance, and as far round me at leaſt as any other Man. My Readers ought not to think, that it was a mere arbitrary Choice when I aſſumed the Name which has ſo long appear'd at the Head of this Paper; for I am not myſelf leſs jealous of *ſome Perſons* than *Juno* was of *Io*, when ſhe appointed for her Guardian the elder

ARGUS,

Qui centum luminibus cinctum caput habebat.

This makes me vigilant from Choice as well as from Duty, which is more than we certainly know of my Predeceſſor and Nameſake, who ſuffered himſelf to be circumvented by the Artifices of *Hermes*.

This *Hermes*, otherwiſe *Mercury*, is deſcribed of old as a ſly, deſigning, inſinuating Thief. I ſuppoſe he begun with Sheep-ſtealing, or ſome ſuch petty Affair, before he proceeded to greater Rogueries: Tho' the Mythologiſts tell us, that he was born in the Morning, had made a Harp and could play upon it by Noon, and had ſtolen his Brother *Apollo*'s Oxen before Night. By this ſwift Progreſs, we muſt imagine that he went thro' many intermediate Scenes beſides thoſe that are recorded; and therefore my Suppoſition of *Sheep-ſtealing* is not improbable. We are aſſured, *Homo repente fuit turpiſſimus*.—But *Mercury* is repreſented as a God, and the moſt active and buſy of all the Gods: The Succeſſion of his Actions in that Light is not to be meaſured by human Eſtimations of Time. Let us only look to the Moral of this Fable, and it will tell us, that tho' Wickedneſs does not at once come to it's utmoſt Height; yet the Progreſs of it, where it is once entered, is very ſwift!——This ſhould induce us, as an Author of another Character than the beſt of *Mercury*'s Hiſtorians teaches, *to abſtain from all Appearance of Evil*.

The ſtealing of *Apollo*'s Cattle was far from being the higheſt Inſtance of *Mercury*'s *predatory* Excellence. Immediately after this, having attracted the Notice of the ſenior Deities to his waggiſh Tricks, he was taken into *Vulcan*'s Arms, who ſhewed him all the Furniture of his Shop. *Vulcan* had Reaſon to repent of his Fondneſs; for, in conſequence of it, he loſt all his working Tools. *Mercury* ſpared the Wife no more than the Huſband: Having overcome *Cupid* at wreſtling the ſame Day, and *Venus* making much of him after his Victory, he ſtole her *Ceſtus* in return for her Good-nature. The Hiſtory goes much farther; but I will only obſerve, that it informs us he ſtole the Sceptre of his Father and Sovereign *Jupiter*; and that he attempted to carry off his Thunder alſo, but found it a little too hot for his Fingers.—There is no Doubt but all theſe Stories have their Meaning.

I take no Notice of *Mercury*'s Eloquence, his Skill in the Arts and in Merchandize: Theſe muſt be reckoned among his uſeful, and I have chiefly in View his miſchievous, Qualities. Among theſe, he had learned very early the Art of *properly touching*; for, being detected by the Shepherd *Battus* while he was ſtealing *Apollo*'s Cattle, he had the Preſence of Mind, tho' but twelve Hours old, to give him one of them to keep the Secret.

It is to my Purpoſe to mention only two more of *Mercury*'s Offices or Qualifications. He was the Conductor and Diſpoſer of the Dead; that is, he conveyed them over the River *Styx* by the Aſſiſtance of *Charon*: And he was very expert at the making of *Leagues* and *Definitive Treaties*; which Skill he is ſaid to have employed not among Men only, but among the Gods themſelves. Probably, as he was ſo very ſwift and diligent a Meſſenger, that he is more diſtinguiſhed by that Character than by any other, he might himſelf perform the Part of Courier to his own Negociations. In the frugal antient Times, this muſt have ſaved a conſiderable Expence, which of late Years has been thought neceſſary at the Concluſion of a long Affair, how diſgracefully ſoever it may turn out. The News of the *Definitive Treaty* of *A**, if I remember right, coſt 500 *l.* at *L**n*, and 500 *l.* at *H***r*. What muſt then have been the Reward of the noble *Services*, if a Succeſſion of lucrative Places had not been ſubſtituted in the room of prompt Payment? What would *Mercury* have deſerved, in modern Times, if he had officiated in the double Capacity of Negociator and Meſſenger? But we don't find that the Son of *Maia*, in his Time, was remarkably rich; tho' his Services and Rogueries are together ſo many, that he is brought in by *Lucian* complaining, that he had no Reſt Day or Night.

I take this *Mercury*, tho' he has not of late appeared under that Name, to have had a great Share in the Management of moſt Affairs within our Memory. He was often repreſented with two very different Sides of a Face; which, the Mythologiſts tell us, was to expreſs his double Office, in Heaven and in Hell, or among the celeſtial and infernal Deities: But I ſuppoſe it rather typical of the double Conduct he was to hold in theſe latter Ages, and that his Looks were directed benignly into two neighbouring Rival Kingdoms at the ſame Time; as ſuppoſe, for Inſtance, *G* B*** and *F**. One of theſe Sides indeed was black, and the other white; which might ſignify Guilt in one of the Intimacies they pointed out: Yet we do not read, that *Mercury* was at all aſhamed of this Deformity, or that he was apt to bluſh either in his *Æthiopian* or *Grecian* Countenance.

There is ſtill another obvious Interpretation of theſe two half Faces, which we of the preſent Age cannot avoid falling upon, tho' it might not occur to the ancient Mythologiſts themſelves. Might it not typify the Union of *Two Brothers*, who act as if they were only Parts of the ſame Individual? And this prophetic Emblem, I humbly conceive, is much better expreſſed by two Faces, or two Sides of a Face, upon the ſame Head, than it would have been by two ſeveral Heads: for how can Sameneſs and Uniformity of Council be more happily depicted than it is in this figurative *Mercury*? Not to mention that, for two Heads, there muſt have been a double Portion of Brains; which might have entirely ſpoiled the Typification, if no ſuch Stock was allowed to reſide in the fraternal Pair of Heads.

It does not I think appear, that the modern *Mercury* (for by that Title I chuſe to diſtinguiſh him in his late Exploits) has been convicted of ſtealing Sheep or Oxen: But much Wrong has been done him, if he has not been deeply concerned in *Owling* or Smuggling of Wool; which is a Practice but little leſs pernicious than the carrying off the Animal itſelf.

That *Vulcan*, the God of Fire, was fairly deprived of his working Tools in *Fl**rs*, (when an Army was ſent to beſiege a Town without Artillery, and to force Intrenchments in the ſame unprovided Manner) ſeems to be no ſtrained or unnatural Commentary: And as the *Ceſtus* or Girdle of *Venus* was one of the chief Graces or Ornaments of her Perſon, may not the degrading a Country from her Dignity and Influence, from that Reſpect which ſhe had uſed to command among her Neighbours, be properly called the robbing her of her *Ceſtus*?

As to the depriving *Jupiter* of his Sceptre, there will not be the leaſt Difficulty in underſtanding it, if we can think of any Nation in which a *Mercurial* M***r, or Pair of M***rs, have proceeded ſo far as to bully their S***n, to deny him the Choice of his own Servants, and to keep him for ſeveral Years as it were in *L**g ſ*gs*. Happy is it for us, that no ſuch Application of the Fable can be made in theſe Iſlands! But if the other Trick of our *Jovial* Meſſenger, when he attempted to bear off the Thunder likewiſe, but found it too hot and heavy for him to wield, hath ſomething in it more ſtriking to an *Engliſh* Reader, whoſe Thoughts are ſtill engroſſed by the Treaty of *A**, I cannot prevent any Inference he may draw from it.

Analogous to that Office of the antient *Mercury*, by which he releaſed the Souls of dying Perſons from their Bodies, and conveyed them over *Styx* into the infernal Regions, I take to be our modern *Mercury*'s Employment of ſeducing thoughtleſs Men from the plain Paths of Truth, (which I mentioned at the Beginning of this Paper) plunging them into the Lake of *Corruption*, and dragging them thro' the Mud at the Bottom of it to the oppoſite Shore, when they ariſe among their Fellow Proſtitutes. It is in the Execution of this Office that I have endeavoured chiefly to interrupt and traverſe his Labours; eſpecially, by pointing out the Danger and Diſgrace into which he was leading the poor deluded Mortals: But his uſual Way, on theſe Occaſions, is immediately to blind them with Handfuls of yellow Sand, which he throws plentifully into their Eyes. If I can gueſs by his leering, he watches an Opportunity to play the ſame Trick with me: But the Multitude of my Eyes, I preſume, is not a little diſcouraging to him; and my Vigilance, he perceives, is equal to my Power of Obſervation.

Beſides, there is one Particular which I muſt not here omit, wherein the *Mercury* of our Days muſt be acknowleged greatly inferior to him of Antiquity; and that is, in the powerful Charms of his Muſic: There is no Fear therefore, that I ſhould be lulled aſleep by the ſame Means which formerly prevailed over my Nameſake. His Eloquence, as well as his Muſic, is alſo much changed from what we read of in old Authors; for it now conſiſts in Applications to another Senſe than that of Hearing: In ſhort, the modern *Mercury* has no other Way of winding and conciliating Affections, than that which the antient, in his Infancy, practiſed upon *Battus*; which Faction and Ill-nature, in thoſe Days, have branded with a Maſk of Infamy, and called it *Bribery*.

The old Painters, to expreſs the Eloquence of their *Mercury*, repreſented Men as faſtened to him by the Ears with golden Chains, by which he could lead them whitherſoever he pleaſed. This Emblem of the Chains, like every thing elſe in this Story, ſeems to be typical, and ſhadows out to us a modern Reality. It is but removing the golden Chains from the Ears to the Hands, and uniting the Ends of them in the Hand of our *Mercury*, and we ſhall find that they do in fact conſiſt of the ſolid Metal, and have truly all that Power which was only fabled of the Chains of Eloquence. He is every Day forging new Chains of this palpable kind, which muſt be added to the other Occupations of the modern Deity of Thieves.

I have only one more of the *Mercurial* Qualities to ſpeak to; and that is, his eminent Skill in the Art of *Treaty-making*. Who can tell but it was *Hermes* himſelf that aſſumed the Figure and Mien of *SANVICOS*, and negotiated for us that wonderful and inexplicable Peace at *A**, the Conſequence of which we ſo ſenſibly feel in the Friendſhip of the *Spaniards* and their Directors? By the Miſtery which is found in that Treaty, and which hath ſince exerciſed ſo many deep Heaps to explain, one may ſuſpect that no ſmall Quantity of *Mercurial* Cunning entered into the Compoſition of it; and as there was always ſome roguiſh Intention at the Bottom of his Schemes, let the Conduct of them appear ever ſo ſimple, why ſhould we not charge upon *Mercury*, rather than upon *Sanvicos*, the *Par Nobile*, or any other mere Mortals, the untoward Effects which have ariſen or may ariſe to us from that Treaty?

Upon the whole, I conſider the modern *Mercury* as a ſort of political *Satan*; who, if he be altogether as inviſible as the other *Satan*, is altogether as malicious and inſidious in his Way. For this Reaſon, I rank him entirely with the infernal Beings; whereas his heathen Nameſake was divided betwixt the ſupernal and infernal Deities: And as to hunt the old Serpent thro' all his Wiles, and preſerve the good Chriſtian from being enſnared by them, is a chief Part of the Duty of a ſound Divine; ſo to purſue this political Tempter thro' all his various Windings, and defeat his Stratagems, ſhall ever be my principal Endeavour, as an honeſt *Saturday* Lecturer. Poſſibly I may prove that Perſons, who do not believe the Exiſtence of any inviſible ſpiritual Being at all, are verily poſſeſſed and actuated by by this Demon.

LONDON.

Thurſday was held at Guildhall, a Court of Common Council, when many important Affairs were laid before the ſaid Court, viz.

The Report from the Committee of City Lands, concerning the Eſtate of Conduit-Mead, was read and referr'd back to them, with Terms on which they are impowered to let new Leaſes of great Part of the ſaid Eſtates.

The Report of the aforeſaid Committee in relation to the Petition of the Governors of the London Hoſpital was read, and the Committee empowered to let the Remainder within Ten Years of the City Term, in a Leaſe of near 440 Years, of a Piece of Ground near Whitechapel-Mount, for the ſaid Hoſpital to build a Houſe for the Reception of theſr Patients.

The Committee to whom the Petitions of the Maſter Freemen and Artificers were referred, made their Report, that there required ſome Regulations to be made, and propoſed ſome Methods of Relief; but this being a Point of great Importance, the Report was ordered to be printed, and ſent to all the Common Council, and to be farther conſidered at a future Court.

A Petition was preſented from Thomas Morſon, Eſq; ſetting forth, that he was nominated by the late Lord-Mayor, Sir Samuel Pennant, as a fit Perſon for Sheriff of London, but that as his Father fined for that Office in the Year 1734, he hoped the Court would excuſe him, which the Court did not think proper to grant, but to excuſe him from the Office of Sheriff upon his paying 400 l. and 20 Marks into the Chamber of London, before the 24th of this Month.

Two other Petitions were preſented the one from Edward Ratcliffe, Eſq; and the other from James Theobald, Eſq; ſetting forth, that they were drank to for Sheriffs, and had depoſited in the Chamber of the City 400 l. and 20 Marks each; but as Mr Ratcliffe's Brother, and Mr. Theobald's Father in 1734, had paid their Fines for the ſaid Office, they hoped the Court would return them their Money depoſited, or give them ſuch other Relief as they thought proper; but both their Petitions were rejected.

After this a Motion was made that the City ſhould in their corporate Capacity of Lord-Mayor, Alderman and Common-Council, wait on their Royal Highneſs the Prince and Princeſs of Wales, with an Addreſs of Congratulation on the Birth of the young Prince, and her Royal Highneſs's happy Recovery, which was agreed to, and a Committee was choſen to draw up the Addreſs, which was ſoon after preſented to the Court accordingly, and approved; whereupon the Sheriffs were ordered to wait on their Royal Highneſſes to know when they would receive the ſame.

Monday next being the Day for Election of Sheriffs, we here inſert a Liſt of the Gentlemen that have been drank to by the late Sir Samuel Pennant, as proper Perſons to ſerve that Office:

Tho. Morſon, Eſq; Mercer,
Rich. Knollys, Eſq; Skinner, paid his Fine.
John Girle, Eſq; Surgeon, paid his Fine.
Edward Ratcliffe, Eſq; Salter, paid his Fine.
Nath. Wilkes, Eſq; Diſtiller, paid his Fine.
Drank to by the preſent Lord-Mayor, the Right Hon. John Blachford, Eſq;
Wm Hulls, Eſq; Pewterer,
James Theobald, Eſq; Barber, paid his Fine.
Samuel Hawkins, Eſq; Carpenter,
Henry Carrington, Eſq; Dyer.

The Gentlemen who have not paid the Fine of 400 l. and 20 Marks, are now liable to a Fine of 600 l. and 20 Marks.

Home Circuit.
Mrs. Juſtices Wright and Denniſon.
Midland Circuit.
Ld Ch. Juſt. Lee, and Mr. Baron Legge.
Oxford Circuit.
Ld Ch. Baron Parker, and Mr. Juſt. Burnett.
Norfolk Circuit.
Ld Ch. Juſt. Willes, and Mr. Juſt. Birch.
Weſtern Circuit.
Mr. Juſtice Forſter.
Northern Circuit.
Mr. Baron Clive.

And it is ſaid, that Nathaniel Gundry, Eſq; one of the King's Council, who is called to the Bar this Day, in Degree of Serjeant at Law, will go the Weſtern Circuit with Mr. Juſtice Forſter.

And that Sydney Stafford Smith, Eſq; who is called to the Bar at the ſame Time, will go the Northern Circuit with Mr. Baron Clive.

We can aſſure the Public, that Sir Edward Seymour's Claim to the Dukedom of Somerſet, which has been long before Mr. Attorney's General, has received his Approbation.

We are informed, that ſhortly will be held in Cornwall, what they call a Stannary Parliament, a Thing cuſtomary in a certain Number of Years in that Duchy, for the examining into the State and Condition of the Tin Mines there.

In the laſt Hague Gazette we find the following Intelligence, which being ſo very agreeable, we hope to ſee it confirmed in the next London Gazette.

"*London, June* 19. N.S. The Lords Regents have heard with great Satisfaction, that on the Complaints which the Earl of Albemarle had Orders to make to the French Court concerning the Non-evacuation of the Iſlands of Tobago, St. Lucia &c. a Frigate has been diſpatched to the Marquis de Caylus, Governor of the French Antille Iſlands with Orders to come over forthwith and give an Account of his Conduct; and that this Frigate likewiſe carries a very ſtrict Order to the Officer, who is to remain in the room of the Marquis de Caylus, to cauſe the ſaid Iſlands to be immediately evacuated, if it be not done before the ſaid Frigate reach'd Martinico."

Letters from the Leeward Iſlands, dated the 9th and 10th of May adviſe, that the General or Commandant of the French Troops at Martinico was actually dead, and that M. de Caylus, Governor General of that and the other French Iſlands, then lay at the point of Death.

Wedneſday in the Court of King's Bench two Perſons offering themſelves Bail in an Action for upwards of 400 l. wherein a Merchant in Walbrok was Plaintiff, one of the Bail prevaricating, was committed to the King's Bench Priſon and the Plaintiff was bound to Proſecute him; whereupon the other Bail ran away out of Court.

Wedneſday his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland reviewed the third Battalion of the firſt Regiment, and alſo the firſt Battalion of the ſecond Regiment of Foot Guards, on the Parade in St. James's Park; who made a fine Appearance. Several General Officers were preſent.

There is Advice from St. Kitt's, that in April laſt died at Sandy Point, —— Birt, Eſq; Judge of that Iſland.

Sunday Evening, the new-born Prince was baptiſed Leiceſter-Houſe, by the Name of Frederick; the Ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. the Lord B of Oxford, the Sponſers were their Royal Highneſſes George and the Lady Auguſta, and Prince William Saxe Gotha, Brother to her Royal Highneſs the P of Wales, who was repreſented by the Right Hon. Lord North and Guildford.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Major C Handaſyd to be Lieutenant-Colonel of Brigadier G O'Farrell's Regiment in the room of William P Eſq; who has reſigned.

The Hon. Capt. Andrew Rollo to be Major, in room of Charles Handaſyd, Eſq;

David Moreau, Eſq; to be Captain in the room of Hon. Mr. Rollo.

Mrs. Charles Boiſragon, to be Lieutenant, in the room of Mr. David Moreau. And

Mr. Luke Sterling to be Enſign, in the room of Boiſragon.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Capt. Th Rainsford to be Major of General Powlett's Regiment, the room of Mr. Joſeph Dambon, who has reſigned.

Mr. Joſeph Lewis Feyrac to be captain in the room Mr. Ramsford.

Lieutenant Hans Muſgrave, of Blakeney's Regi in the room of Captain Thomas Charlton, deceaſed.

Mr. Jocelyne White to be Lieutenant in the room Hugh Smith, deceaſed.

Mr. Edmund Turner to be Enſign in the room of Richard Shuckburgh, preferred.

Mr. Henry Pringle to be Lieutenant in General Blak Regiment, in the room of Mr. Thomas Hepworth, hath reſigned.

Enſign Robert Elliot to be Lieutenant in that Regim in the room of Mr. Robert Creed, deceas'd.

Mr. Abraham Stewart to be Enſign, in the room Mr Elliott.

Mr. Joſiah Paterſon to be adjutant, in the room of Mr. Creed deceas'd.

Enſign Robert Shuckburgh, of Powlett's, to be L tenant in the room of Mr. Muſgrave, preferred.

And Lieutenant Theophilus Clements, of Otwa be Captain of a Company in Lieutenant General Ir in the room of Capt. Craufurd, preferred.

The Rev. Mr. Wragg was preſented ſome Time ſince Emanuel College, Cambridge, to the Living of North bury in Somerſetſhire, void by the Death of the Rev. Piers.

Charles Lampriere, Eſq; who lately reſigned the Offi of Advocate General of Jerſey, has been appointed, by Right Hon. the Earl Granville, Bailiff of that Iſland, to be Lieutenant Bailiff and Chief Magiſtrate there.

And Phillip Lampriere, Eſq; is appointed Receiver ge ral of his Majeſty's Revenues in the ſaid Iſland.

The Creditors of the late Earl of Yarmouth having m the Court of Chancery for a new Sale of his Eſtates in Counties of Suffolk and Norfolk, which were ſold ſo little Time ago for 87000 l. they were put up again Tueſday Night at Mr. Montague's, one of the Maſter Chancery, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, and w finally ſold for 92700 l.

By a Perſon arrived in Town, who left Nova Scotia Beginning of April, we are informed, that Halifax To is entirely built, as was laid down in the firſt Plan; a that a great many additional Buildings were going forwa that the Barracks for the Soldiery was alſo complea and the Fort at the Month of the Harbour would in a ſh Time be in a good Poſture of Defence, but that no Adv had been received of the French having made any Attem upon that Colony.

The Report of the French and Natives having attack the Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, and drove Numbers of th from that Settlement, we are aſſured from a Perſon wh high Rank in the Commiſſion of Trade ſhould commu the beſt Intelligence, that there is no Foundation for it.

We hear that ſix Clergymen are going to ſettle in Nov Scotia, with Allowance from the Government, amo whom are the Rev. Meſſs. Willis, Handy and Glov and that as many Schoolmaſters and Surgeons are alſo go thither.

Two Regiments of Foot in Ireland are ordered to em bark for Jamaica, to keep the Negroes in order, ſome them having lately mutined there.

A Number of additional Hands are employed in buildi the New Corn Market in Mark-Lane in order to have fit for the Reception of the Factors, at or about Michael mas next.

We hear that a Court Martial will ſit at Deptford th 9th of July, on ſome Affairs relating to Admiral Griffi Squadron.

A few Days ago died Thomas Bromſall, Eſq; of Burn ham in the County of Bedford, a Gentleman many Yea in the Commiſſion of the Peace for that County, and h left the chief Part of his Real Eſtate to John Orlibar, Eſq one of the Commiſſioners of Exciſe.

Laſt Week died at his Houſe at Bath, Peter Ludlow, Eſq; Knight of the Shire for the County of Meath in Ireland. He has left a very large Eſtate, which deſcends to Peter Ludlow, Eſq;

They write from Warwick, that laſt Week died the Rev. E Tate, D. D. Vicar of St. Mary, and Maſter of the Earl of Leiceſter's Hoſpital in that Borough, and in Commiſſion of the Peace for that County.

Laſt Week died greatly lamented, the Rev. Mr. John Ball, ſen. Vicar of Cheſham Woburn and Cheſham Leiceſter.

Laſt Sunday a well dreſs'd Man took a Boat at the Bank Side Southwark, in order to go off Shore to bath himſelf in the River; but had not been in the Water long when he called for Help, but the Boat being only rowed by two Boys they could not get in Time to his Aſſiſtance, ſo that he was unhappily drowned. The next Tide his Body was found on the Sand Bank near Capers Bridge.

Tueſday as a Child belonging to a poor Women in Fore-ſtreet, was attempting to drink out of a Pail of Water, it pitched into the Pail Head foremoſt, and was drowned.

The young Woman who was mentioned in our laſt to be ſo vilely treated on Monday 7 Night in Thomas Street, and was under the Care of Dr. Dowman and Surgeon Buroſſe, is in a fair Way of Recovery; her Fever having left her, the Inflamation ceas'd, and the Ulcers cicatriſing. The Villain has not yet been diſcovered.

Mr. Macdonel at the three Tuns in Shire Lane, who was robbed on Sunday the 10th Inſt. by three Villains, of 3s. 2d. and at the ſame Time received three Slug Shot in his Body by them, on his return from Pancras to London, is now in a fair Way of Recovery.

A few Days ſince a Boy, at Rowley in Staffordſhire who had been to fetch a Fowling Piece from a Neighbour's, taking it home, aimed at ſame Boys who were ſitting in the Road, who cried out, "Don't ſhoot us but ſhoot the Girl that's yonder" (who had a Child in her Arms;) at whom he immediately aimed the Piece (not knowing it was charg'd) pull'd the Trigger, and ſhot into the Mouth of the Child in her Arms, and killed it on the Spot.

We hear from Coggeſhal in Eſſex, that on Sunday was Fortnight there was great Damage done at that Place by the Lightning, particularly ſetting Fire to ſome Hay Stacks and a Barn.

Late laſt Saturday Night two Highwaymen attacked a Man near Tyburn, who belonged to Mr. Duval, a Maſon in Scotland Yard, and robbed him of 3s. and cut one of his Thumbs, three Fingers, and one of his Ears almoſt off. Two Poſt Boys riding out with the Mails ſaw them commit the Robbery, and rode after them to the Road that turns down to Marybon, where, by the Help of ſome other Perſons, they were both taken. One of them is a ſtiff Man in a Sailors Dreſs, the other a genteel young Fellow about Twenty Years of Age. A Perſon who went to ſee them in the Round Houſe has made Affidavit, that one of them robbed him in the Long Field near Montagu Houſe, laſt Week, of thirty Shillings and a Silver Watch.

Laſt Wedneſday Night Mr. Connerton who lives in Broad-ſtreet was attacked by two Fellows who demanded his Money, but he immediately run for it: They purſued him, ſtricking at him with large Sticks, knock'd off his Hat and Wig, and having got to his Houſe, being immediately let in, ſaved a conſiderable Sum of Money he had about him.

On Tueſday Evening laſt as Mr. Martin, a Farmer in Eſſex, was coming with his Daughter in a Chaiſe to London, they were ſtopt by a ſingle Highwayman near Stamford-Hill, who robbed him of 30s. his Daughter of 2s. and then rode off.

Laſt Monday Night two Sharpers went to the Lettice in Rowlow Street, and ordered a Pot of Beer, and change for a Guinea, to be brought to the next Door; but under pretence of wanting another Pot, they got the Change from the Servant, and made off.

We hear that Thurſt the Executioner, has obtained a free Pardon, and will at the next Seſſions plead the ſame.

Laſt Saturday three notorious Fellows were taken at a Houſe in the Borough, charged with committing divers Robberies in Surry and Kent. One of them is admitted Evidence againſt the reſt of his Accomplices.

Laſt Week a Gang of Smugglers was attacked within a few Miles of Whitehaven in Suſſex, by a party of Dragoons attempting to carry away ſome prohibited Goods; Part of the Booty was ſeized, and three of the Smugglers taken, who being outlaws, will be brought to Newgate.

Laſt Wedneſday one Robert Clarke, alias Plunder, an outlawed Smuggler, was taken at Haleſton in Norfolk, by a Party of General Cholmondeley's Regiment of Dragoons, and has ſince been brought to London, in order to take his Trial at the next Seſſions at the Old Bailey.

On Monday Mr. Alderman Dickenſon, commited to the Poultry Compter, James Thompſon, on the Oath of ſeven perſons Brick-layers and Labourers, for ſtealing out of a Houſe in Rood-lane, now repairing, a Coat and a pair of Shoes, the Property of a Labourer, at Work there.——It ſeems theſe Sorts of Robberies are become very frequent of late than three poor Fellows having had their Coats ſtole on Saturday laſt, and alſo ſeveral of their Tools of different Sorts.

Tueſday was committed to Newgate by Alderman Rawlinſon, William Wilſon a noted Gambler, on the Oaths of Joſeph Milikin of one Three Pound Twelve, two Thirty ſix Shilling Pieces, three Moidores, and two Watches, the one Silver and the other Pinchbeck, at the White Hatt in Sheer-lane, where he was taken.

On Wedneſday Evening was committed to Chelmsford Jail by Juſtice Pratt of Stratford, a Baker who lived at Bow in that Neighbourhood, for robbing Mr. Starkie the Night before in the middle of Stratford Town.

On Saturday laſt was committed to Maidſtone Jail, Wm Picket, charged on Oath with breaking and entering the Dwelling-houſe of Joſeph Batterſhee, in the Pariſh of Lewiſham in the Day Time.

Wedneſday Mr. Alderman Chitty committed to the Poultry Compter, one Hutton (who was tried about two Seſſions ago for picking of Pockets), for being concerned with another not yet taken, for knocking down and robbing Mr. Robinſon of his Hat and Wig, on Tueſday Night in Moorfields.

The Mary Galley Captain Jones, bound for Carolina from the Iſle of May, reported to be loſt, is ſafe arrived at Cape Fear.

The Friends Adventure, Langley, from Crete to Hamburgh, ſunk in the Road of Altena; the Crew were ſaved and they are in hopes of ſaving Part of her Cargo.

Wedneſday came the agreeable News, that the Spaniſh Fleet under the Command of Admiral Spinola, from the Havannah, but laſt from Martinico, is ſafely arrived at Cadiz, having on board ſeventeen Millions of Pieces of Eight, a large Quantity of Cochineal, beſides Gold, Silver, &c.

And alſo that the Europa and Caſtilia, two Ships arriv'd at the ſaid Port from the South Seas, had Six Millions on board.

Mrs. Keith's Corpſe was removed from her Huſband's Houſe in May-Fair the Middle of October laſt, to an Apothecary's in South Audley Street, where ſhe lies in a Room hung with Mourning, and is to continue there till Mr. Keith can attend her Funeral.——Several Perſons, belonging to Churches and Chapels, together with many others, ſuppoſing the Marriages at May Fair New Chapel to be detrimental to their Intereſt, have made it their Buſineſs to rave and clamour, but in ſuch a Manner as not to deſerve an Anſwer, becauſe every Thing they have ſaid tends only to expoſe their own Ignorance and Malice, in the Opinion of People of good Senſe and Underſtanding.—The Way to Mr. Keith's Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, by the End of St. James's-Street, and down Clarges-Street, and turn on the Left Hand. The Marriages (together with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate) are carried on for a Guinea, as uſual, any Time 'till four in the Afternoon, by another regular Clergyman, at Mr. Keith's Little Chapel in May Fair, near Hyde Park Corner, oppoſite the Great Chapel, and within Ten Yards of it. There is a Porch at the Door like a Country Church Porch.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Canterbury, June 16. On the 21ſt of March were committed to Newgate by Order of the Duke of Bedford, and removed by Habeas Corpus to Maidſtone Jail on Tueſday laſt, Edward Flannagan, Roger Cannon, otherwiſe Gannon, Michael Keaten, Thomas Bourk, Dominick O Donnel, and Paul Tierney, being charged upon Oath for enliſting Men into foreign Service.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, June 12. We are credibly informed, that a Teacher in Town has found out a grand Curioſity, which has hitherto puzzled many eminent Mathematicians, call'd Geometric Triſection of Angles, or Arches of Sectors: For no Method has been yet fix'd on, for dividing curve Lines into any odd Number of equal Parts, that being always left to mere Mechaniſm or Gueſs-work, by Scales of Chords, Rhumbs, &c. which has been a very ſenſible Defect in Geometrical Operations.

Thurſday laſt a Commiſſion paſt the Seals, appointing William Gray of Newholm, Writer in Edinburgh, to be Commiſſary of Roſs ſhire, in the room of Simon Roſs of Ardie, deceaſed.

They write from Glaſgow, that on the 3d Inſt. there was much Thunder and Lightning about the Town of Airdrie, in East Monkland, by which, we hear, a Cow was killed, and ſeveral Panes of Glaſs broke in Airdrie Houſe: and that at the ſame Time, there fell a great Shower of Hail, which very much damaged the Beans and Peaſe in the Fields, and the Pot Herbs in their Yards, the Stones meaſuring one and a half, and ſome of them two Inches round.

We hear from Glaſgow, that as ſome Women were waſhing Yarn in the Water of Cart, near Pollockstown, one of them fell in, and would have periſhed, as none of the others could give her aſſiſtance, the Water being very deep, and the Bank pretty high, had not a Dog jumped in who div'd and brought her up to the Surface of the Water, upon which one of the Women drew the Dog aſhore by the Tail, who kept his Hold, and thereby ſaved the poor Woman's Life.

June 14. We have certain Accounts from Kirkwall in the Orkneys, that great Shoals of Herrings have appeared in Deerſound, Kirkwall, and Scapa Bays, and if there had been any Veſſels with Nets in that Country, great Quantities would have been caught: But we hope this Complaint will ſoon be removed.

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